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Re: Applicant: Armand Cote  
Serial No.: 09/140,049  
Filed: 08/26/98  
For: Breakaway Utility Pole  
Examiner: Glessner, B.  
Group: 3635  
Docket No.: COTE/971/US

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